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# **Tony Hawk Foundation Awards \$10K Grant to New Richmond Skate Park**

## **Project Now Approaching \$100,000 Fundraising Goal**

The City of New Richmond is excited to announce that it has been selected to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Established by Tony Hawk, one of the most successful professional skateboarders of all time, the Tony Hawk Foundation works with municipalities and community groups to help them realize their dream of a quality public skate park in their community. For Tony Hawk, skateboarding was a healthy outlet and a recreational challenge, and it provided a social group of creative, like-minded individuals. It's also a sport that helped him build confidence, taught him to persevere, and through his mentoring of younger skaters helped him develop leadership skills.

The City of New Richmond recently published a request for proposals (RFP) for the final design and construction services for the skate park. Plans call for a contract to be awarded in April and construction to begin in May, with a goal of having a grand opening celebration in late June. The professionally designed, concrete skate park will provide a safe place for local skateboarders and BMX riders to pursue their passion for action sports. The skate park will be located at Hatfield Park.

The Tony Hawk Foundation grant, combined with recent donations from eighteen local businesses, brings the total funds raised for the project to more than \$92,000. Funds are still being raised for the project, which has a fundraising goal of approximately \$100,000. A GoFundMe crowd funding webpage, [www.gofundme.com/NRskatepark](http://www.gofundme.com/NRskatepark), has been created to allow individuals a way to make small donations to the project. A car wash and bake sale has also been scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at Bernard's Northtown from 9 am to 1 pm.

To learn more about the skate park project, contact the City of New Richmond's Management Analyst, Noah Wiedenfeld, at 715-246-4268 or [nwiedenfeld@newrichmondwi.gov](mailto:nwiedenfeld@newrichmondwi.gov).